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REMOTE-SITE STORAGE SYSTEM

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

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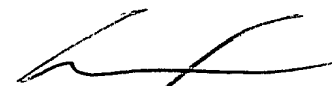
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